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Casting About

The other night — Algernon and I were seated — he was on my lap — or was it the other way around — anyway — we were listening to the FMless radio — there seemed to be a lot of odd noises — static I thought — I looked at Algie — he didn't seem to mind — he just lay there — his head on his paws — sort of smiling — every now and then he would flap his ears — fleas thought I — but I was wrong — it wasn't static — it was "Lassie" and her radio program — French or dog language — and not my stock in trade — so I guess I was missing something — Algie seemed to be in canine heaven — after Lassie had finished with a bow and a wow — I figured now is the time to find out something — something I'd often thought about — what does the canine world think of politics — after giving Algie an old pork chop bone — which I had been saving in my first aid kit — I asked him what he thought of politics — he wiped a little grease

off his face with his ear — and said — "Get me another bone" — being a disciplinarian — I got him the other bone — well then, digging for an opinion, I said — what about Henry Wallace — "You mean 'Corn' Wallace" — "Yes," said I — "Nope, he goes too far for us dogs" — I asked, "You mean too far left" — "No," said Algie, "too far out to sea" — "Well, do you think the Communists will swing any votes to Wallace?" — "Well they may swing — but not votes" — "Now then," I asked, "what about Marcantonio" — "Nope, don't like him" — "Why" — "I like Cleopatra better" — "But this isn't the same," I pleaded — "Neither was Cleopatra," said Algie — well, do you like the "New Party" — Nope, said Algie, we're going to form another party — a fourth party — what do you plan to call it — the "Gnaw Party" says Algie — how do you join — I don't know yet — Lassie will tell us tomorrow night.

County Towns Tax

With all of the 26 towns in the county having decided their tax rates for this year, the result is that the average rate is \$1.86 higher this year than last. The rate for this town is \$50, the same as last year and five towns, Deerfield, Shelburne, Gill and Warwick also announce the same rate as last year. Hawley was the last town to make known its rate which like the majority of the towns report an increase. Charlemont and Leverett have the highest rates of \$55 each. The lowest rate is \$27 in Buckland. Greenfield's rate dropped from \$36 last year to \$32.60.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 9, The Northfield Players present "Shavings", Town Hall, 8 p. m.
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"Peg O' My Heart" opens at Brattleboro Summer Theatre, 8:30 p. m.
"John Loves Mary" opens at Keene Summer Theatre, 8:30 p. m.
August 11, V. F. W. Meeting, 8:30 p. m. Grange Hall.
August 13, Registration of voters, Town Hall, 12 noon to 10 p. m.
August 14, Northfield Historical Society food sale at the Museum, 2:30 p. m.
August 18, V. F. W. Meeting, 8:30 p. m.
August 21, Legion Auxiliary food sale, Mrs. Emory Rikert's lawn, 2 p. m.
August 23, 24, and 25, Second Annual Royalston Antiques Exposition and sale, 1 to 10 p. m. Town Hall Royalston, Mass.
August 25, V. F. W. Meeting, 8:30 p. m.
August 28, Auction on the Unitarian church grounds.
September 8, Garden Club Annual meeting, Alexander Hall, 8 p. m. Election of officers.



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Snow in July

Up in West Dummerston, Vermont last week, the Grange tried a novel experiment by serving a "maple sugar in snow" party and the Grange Leader, Richard A. Wilson said it was a great success. It proved to be a real treat for all who attended. Despite the hot weather of July they had the snow, not freshly fallen from the skies but sixteen bushels, manufactured by a Brattleboro ice manufacturer and then shaved ready to serve as snow for the sugaring off party. It was a delightful experience and so enthusiastic were those in attendance that it is planned to arrange another party.

New Citizens

In Brattleboro Memorial hospital July 30, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sanders of South Vernon.

GOODWIN

At Franklin County Public hospital, July 31, a daughter, Kathryn Judd, to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Goodwin of Northfield; granddaughter of Mrs. Shirley Kebl of Northfield, Charles Kebl of Gill, and Mrs. Bertha J. Goodwin of Franklin, Pa.; great granddaughter of Mrs. E. T. Hart of Lewiston, Mont.

NEUENDORFER

At Philadelphia Naval Hospital, July 11, a daughter, Helen Esther, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Neuendorfer. Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore of Philadelphia and East Northfield.

NELSON

At Brattleboro Memorial hospital August 1, a daughter, Constance, to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Nelson, Main street; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Kimball, Greenfield, and Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Nelson, Phillipsburg, Kansas.

CONCERT BY NORTHFIELD SINGERS TWO ADDRESSES BY DR. GILKEY

"Security is man's chief enemy" declared Dr. Harris E. Kirk in his

Board of Registrars To Sit Again Aug. 13

Unregistered voters in Northfield will have their final opportunity to register as voters for the coming state primaries.

The Board of Registrars will be in session at the Town Hall on August 13, from 12 noon to 10 p. m. Northfield's total of registered voters has climbed with each sitting of the Board, but presumably there is still a small number who have not availed themselves of these opportunities.

It is required that a person be of age, have lived in the town for at least six months and in the state for one year.

Legion Ball a Hit

The Third Annual Legion Mid-Summer Ball, which is fast becoming a traditional yearly event in town, was well attended last week when a pleasant summer evening made dancing ideal. A large group of young Conference workers were on hand dancing to the music of Dick Perry.

Refreshments were served during intermission by the Legion Auxiliary.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Elber W. Stearns and their sons, Elber, Jr., and David of Verona, N. J., have been guests of the Misses Johnson at their cottage on Rustic Ridge.

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Grille and family of Hartford, Conn., are enjoying a stay at their cottage on Rustic Ridge during the month of August.

Mott and Jessie Gubse now have an attractive illuminated sign on the corner of School and Main streets pointing to their antique shop.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nelch traveled to the Cape last week end and took in a little ocean swimming despite the cloudy weather.

Progress is steadily being made in the added construction at Spencer Bros.

Work on the Webster Block seems to be ahead of schedule and the six apartments are rapidly taking shape.

DEAR FRIENDS

Let me thank all of you for the many lovely things sent me on my birthday.

These expressions of friendship shall guide and cheer me in the coming days.

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Mary A. Field

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Television Works Here First Show in Town

The first demonstration of television, in Northfield, was witnessed by a small gathering at the Coffee Shop on Main street, August 2.

Donald Smith, radio dealer from West Northfield, was instrumental in conducting this novel experiment. According to onlookers the images on the 52 square inch screen were a bit hazy, but distinguishable. The program was transmitted from Station WNHG, in New Haven, Conn.

From an engineers viewpoint 40 miles is the maximum effective distance for a clear signal, but in this case the distance was something over 110 miles.

According to Mr. Smith, Northfield is ideally situated for television reception from the south, and despite the distance from transmitting stations television would be practical here now.

Smith has also received three New York stations and one Philadelphia station at his shop in West Northfield.

A. Y. H. News

The Office Manager at National Headquarters was passing out cigars and candy the other day in honor of the birth of a daughter born Sunday, August 1. Ruth and Bill Nelson have named the baby Constance; the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Kimball of Greenfield, and the paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Nelson of Phillipsburg, Kansas. Both the baby and the mother are doing very well and expect to return home about the end of the week.

About 60 hostellers have used the Northfield Hostel this past week, and the group includes engineers, a group of students from New York, a minister, a school teacher, and two nationalities other than Americans, namely, Canadian and Hungarian. Two Girl Scout Camps have been held as a meeting place for their exchange camp ideas. One troop of scouts came down from Meredith, New Hampshire, and another troop came up from New Haven, Connecticut. The groups visited for a day and two nights in each other's camp, and then met again at Northfield.

The 1948 edition of the A. Y. H. HANDBOOK, listing all hostels in the United States, has been published and sent to all American passholders. The Handbook shows that there are some 130 hostels in America so that it is possible today to travel in almost any section of the United States and stay at inexpensive hostels where a friendly youth-loving couple is in charge as houseparents.

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NORTHFIELD

CARS JAM ROADS FOR OPENING OF NEW NORTHFIELD DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Garden Club Picnics Have Informal Show

With a lovely rose garden, forming a colorful backdrop the Northfield Garden Club held a picnic supper and business meeting at the home of Mrs. Mildred Nims.

Following the short business meeting and walks about the colorful gardens the club members held an informal exhibit of flowers and plants. Out of the large number of exhibits it was decided that winners were Miss Ethel Lawrence and Mr. Walter Walte. Miss Lawrence showed a small container of pink roses, covered with an old fashioned lantern top, while Mr. Walte exhibited a very large rose colored petunia plant.

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be held on Sept. 8, at Alexander Hall. This is the annual meeting, and election of officers will be held.

"Pops" Concert Aids Dr. Scudder's Hospital

The "pops" concert held on the lawn at "Green Pastures" last Friday evening yielded \$61.50, which has been deposited in the treasurer's office at Kenarden Hall.

Northfield and Mount Hermon friends hope to raise a total of \$100.00 by October as their contribution to Dr. Ida Scudder's hospital and medical relief work in India. Additional gifts will be gratefully received and may be turned over to Mrs. E. M. Powell or Mr. George McEwan.

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For The Public Good

To be able to take part in guiding the affairs of town, state and nation through the medium of the ballot is something that all of us should consider as the greatest privilege we have under our form of government.

In order that we fully exercise this extraordinary prerogative, it is essential that the fullest number possible be registered for the coming months, when we shall be called upon to consider many men for office and to weigh numerous referenda for the public good.

Ask your neighbor — have you registered?

REGISTER — August 13.

In The Churches

TRINITARIAN CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister.
Sunday, August 8,
11:00 a. m. Worshipping with the General Conference at the Auditorium on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls. Rev. Charles W. Gilkey, Dean Emeritus of the University of Chicago Chapel, will preach.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
South Vernon, Vt.
Rev. Elvin W. Blackstone
Services every Sunday 10:30 a. m.
Sunday School, 11:45 a. m.
Loyal Workers, 6:45 p. m.
Praise Service, 7:30 p. m.
Weekly Prayer Meeting, Thursdays at 7:45 p. m.

UNITARIAN CHURCH
Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler, Minister.
Services are discontinued until September.

ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Henry J. McCormack, Pastor.
Masses: First Sunday of Month, 8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor.
Saturday, August 7,
Annual Outing, Sunday School, 10:30 a. m.
Annual Society Meeting, 7:30 p. m.
Sunday, August 8,
10:30 a. m. Morning Worship.
Sermon, "Living for Others."
3:00 p. m. Service at the Bronson Inn.
7:45 p. m. The Pastor will preach at the Salvation Army in Greenfield.
Wednesday, August 11,
Midweek prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence Janes.

POET'S CORNER
(Contributions by local poets are welcome)

Twilight
The world is hushed,
The sky has gone to rest
With dark, low clouds across
its azure breast.
The boughs of trees
With delicate filaments trace
Across the pale sunset
After patterns of lace.
Hazel Rogers Gredler

Remembrance
I only ask that after I am gone
That thou mayst think of me at
certain times —
Perhaps, when standing on the
beach at night —
Thou seest the spun foam lifted,
and borne on
Out again into the ocean's beating
heart.
Or perchance, when the music lifts
thou far away,
And longing, like the heavy wind
that strains
Against the oak, atop a cloud-blown
hill,
O'erawaeps thee — remember, I
am there
But boat of all, dear heart, I would
be thine
Amid the hurrying band of human
feet
That crowd the city's way, when
on the face
Of some sweet trusting child, thou
mayst behold
My love, as deep, as pure, as close
as all eternity.
Hazel Rogers Gredler

THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer — the name will not be used if you so desire.)

Village Improvement

To The Editor:

A welcome village improvement project for Northfield would be the construction of a public swimming pool, adequate in size and maintained by the community.

Many Northfield residents travel considerable distances for a swim in public lakes, but many others, particularly children who lack transportation, spend the summer away from the water. The present swimming sites in town are not adequate for the townspeople, nor are they community operated.

The welfare and happiness of children are a part of community responsibility. Before consideration of the financial aspect (which usually leads to the coup de grace for such ideas in town), community leaders should recognize that existing facilities are limited, and that a public swimming pool would help solve the local recreation problem.

Northfield will soon celebrate two anniversary marks of its past history. Is progress still being made?

Harold A. Briesmaester

Dr. Ida — Emeritus A Story of Faith

Dr. Ida Scudder has handed over to her Indian successor, Dr. Hilda Lazarus the task of being principal of the All-India Christian Medical College, in Vellore, India.

A long, brilliant career as a pioneer and medical missionary in India is gradually coming to a close.

As a student, from 1887 to 1890, at the Northfield Seminary, Dr. Scudder never dreamed that she would some day found, and head, an institution which would include a medical college, hospital, and a school for nursing. In fact, she planned to stay in America, with no intention of following the precedent set by her family — parents, grandparents, six uncles, several cousins and brothers — all of whom served as missionaries in India. A total of 156 years in all, contributed by this one family.

However, as she was finishing school a brother called her back to India to spend a year with her ailing mother. There she saw that she could not escape the inevitable and returned to America to prepare for her life work. After studying at Women's Medical College in Philadelphia and Cornell Medical School, she secured a gift of \$10,000 from Mr. Robert Schell to start a women's hospital in India in memory of his wife, Mary Taber Schell.

She arrived back in the land of her birth on New Year's day, 1900, but Dr. Scudder did not wait for the Schell Hospital to be erected to start treating patients. In a few weeks all the buildings in the compound were full, including her mother's guest room. When the hospital was opened in 1902 she began her training of nurses to help her care for the patients.

It wasn't long before the work grew far beyond the scope of a few western women doctors, and after many years of negotiation, travel and waiting, the Missionary Medical College for Women was opened in 1918 with a class of seventeen girls selected from 150 applicants.

With the years, Dr. Scudder's institution has expanded. Money from her fund raising tours has been used for new buildings, and medical care spread out to a greater number of unfortunate people.

Dr. Ida Scudder's message urges everyone to remember the needs of the new nation of India, and give generously to continue this great work.

Born Cleaners



Barn cleaners should have all mechanical parts of simple design, yet sturdy and easy to control. It is possible to thoroughly clean the average dairy barn by use of mechanical barn cleaners. A clean barn is the first requisite for clean and healthy cows. Installation of a mechanical cleaner, such as illustrated above, will do away with much of the drudgery of this farm operation.

COLONIAL CHRONICLES

History in the Making in Northfield
NUMBER TWENTY-SIX IN THE SERIES
Prepared by the Northfield Historical Society

An interval of peace from 1726 to 1744 followed Father Ralle's War before the so-called French and Indian War broke out. This was characterized by both large scale and small ventures in real estate. In Northfield more of the undivided lands further from the street were taken up. Parson Doolittle improved his opportunity to set out an apple orchard. Some of the apples later found their way to the cider mill, for this was the custom. The Scotch who settled Colrain were bringing in with them the potato, which at first was not considered good enough by most folks. (Just so was it in Europe later when the missionary John Oberlin, for whom Oberlin College was named in 1833, introduced them to his Lutheran parish.) To be sure improvement has been made in potatoes.

Those able-bodied scouts and garrison soldiers during service had noted sites where they hoped some day to settle. While pioneering and defense left the government hard hit to pay all its debts in cash, it did have land with which to pay. All of four wars had passed. In 1743, the descendants of those men who fought at the Turners Falls fight that spring night in 1676, in the first, or King Philip's War, were granted their request by General Court of a settlement in land for their ancestors' services. Fall (Flight) Town, incorporated

later as Bernardston, came into being.

In 1736, Massachusetts set aside land for four townships, known as 1, 2, 3, and 4, but now called Westminster, Westmoreland, Walpole and Charlestown respectively, lying on the east bank of the Connecticut north of Northfield. Each was six square miles. The General Court appointed a committee of 11 that secured 60 proprietors who called to a meeting by a person so designated to manage each settlement's affairs. Supplies were secured either at Northfield or Fort Dummer. In 1740, the King settled the disagreement between Massachusetts and New Hampshire over their boundary, growing out of 2 interpretations of the Massachusetts charter of 1692, and the latter lost these towns. However, New Hampshire neglected to protect them later. The owners did not lose their lands.

Among the other settlements springing up now were Keene, called Upper Ashuelot; Winchester, called Arlington; Warwick, called Roxbury, Canada, because the ancestors from Roxbury fought in Canada in 1690; Hinsdale, or our present towns of Vernon and Hinsdale, Rev. Hinsdale being chaplain at Fort Dummer; and Putney, called Great Meadow.

The Indians went about trading and observing the settlers' doings.

POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Files For Office

Atty. Benedict F. Fitzgerald, Jr., the principal speaker at the Memorial Day services in Northfield last May and Democratic Nominee for Secretary of State in 1946, filed papers at the State House for the Democratic Nomination for Lt. Governor. Fitzgerald, a former Boston newspaperman and Naval Aviator was born in Cambridge and is 35 years of age. He worked his way through Boston College and the Boston University Law School as a regular staff photographer for a Boston newspaper. A member of the Mass. bar, the Federal bar in N. Y., and the U. S. Supreme Court bar, he was a trial attorney for the Federal Labor Board and the U. S. Department of Justice. During the war he entered the Navy, won his wings as a Naval Aviator, graduated from the Naval Air College and rose through the ranks to become a Commander. Injured in a plane crash while on an operational flight, he was detailed to Washington where he served as legislative counsel to the Secretary of the Navy. He is currently engaged in the practice of law in Boston and Greenfield, where he is director in several business corporations.

Announces Candidacy



SEN. RALPH C. MAHOR

Senator Ralph C. Mahor of Orange, Franklin and Hampshire district, today announced his candidacy for renomination at the Re-

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Ross L. Spencer have just purchased one of the town's old landmarks, the Campbell property, in East Northfield. The house has been leased for the next year to the Northfield Schools for the use of a Mount Hermon teacher.

Miss Mary Frank of Madison, N. J., is a guest of her friend, Miss Ethel Lawrence, at her home in Mountain Park.

Mrs. A. J. Suttle of Madison, N. J., who has spent the past month with her aunt, Miss Lawrence in Mountain Park, has returned home with her son Felix.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Crawford of Meadville, Pa., are occupying the former Thompson cottage, now owned by Rev. Dr. Holloway

publican primary September 14, and re-election on November 2.

During the last two years, Mr. Mahor has been active in the field of Education legislation. He secured enactment of the law establishing the University of Massachusetts and other measures for the expansion of that institution. He sponsored the three bills providing for state aid to local schools. These are the transportation grant to small towns, the state aid distribution bill, and the school-house construction bill, the latter providing up to 50% state contribution toward the cost of local school buildings. Senator Mahor served on the committee that recommended the Veterans' Housing Legislation. He has been a staunch supporter of the administration of Governor Robert F. Bradford, and, under this administration, for the first time in 94 years, the Commonwealth has balanced its budget and levied no state tax deficit on local real estate.

Mr. Mahor is Chairman of the legislative committee on Education and the committee on Public Health, and is a member of the Committees on Taxation, Municipal Finance, and Constitutional Law. He is Chairman of the Re-cess Commission on Revision of the Public Welfare Laws, Chairman of the Re-cess Committee on Education, and Chairman of the Re-cess Commission to study the laws relating to Dentistry. He is an attorney, is married, and has a daughter three and one-half years old.

Petitions Filed

Three referendum petitions calling for laws calculated to restore the usefulness of trade unionism by curbing the power of short-sighted labor leadership were filed at the office of Frederick W. Cook, Secretary of State, by the Massachusetts Citizens Union.

The petitions were accompanied by the signatures of more than 21,000 registered voters, considerably more than the minimum number required to place the proposed laws on the November ballot as referendum questions. The laws would require a majority vote by secret ballot in elections of union officers, a secret ballot vote by a majority of union members to authorize a strike, and would guarantee the right to work by outlawing the closed shop.

on West Lane, Rustic Ridge, for the month of August.

Rev. and Mrs. W. Gordon Poole and their family of Glen Falls, N. Y., have arrived to occupy the "Peacock cottage" for the remainder of the season.

John Martin of New London, The Directors of the Rustic Ridge Association held an important meeting at the home of William F. Hoehn, who is the Clerk of the corporation, last Wednesday evening to discuss plans and program for the annual meeting which will be held on Tuesday, August 10.

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Sun. - Tues. Aug. 8 - 10
"ON AN ISLAND WITH YOU"
ESTHER WILLIAMS
PETER LAWFORD

Wed. - Sat. Aug. 11 - 14
"PARADISE CASE"
Ann TODD - Gregory PECK
CHARLES LAUGHTON

PARAMOUNT

Brattleboro

Sun. - Tues. Aug. 8 - 10
"THE CRUSADES"
Loretta Young - Henry Wilcoxon

Wed. - Thurs. Aug. 11 - 12
"HATTERS CASTLE"
and
"I Wouldn't Be In Your Shoes"

Fri. - Sat. Aug. 13 - 14
"AMERICAN EMPIRE"
and
"BUCKSKIN FRONTIER"

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Sun. - Tues. August 8 - 10
MICKEY ROONEY
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MICHAEL DUANE
"Return of the Whistler"

Wed. - Sat. Aug. 11 - 14
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Bridge May Close For Repair Work

Unofficial reports have it that in a week or so work will begin on the overpass spanning the Boston and Maine tracks at the East Northfield station.

The bridge, built in 1901, will undergo a complete overhauling. New steel supports will be used where necessary. The work will be done by the Boston and Maine railroad. The surfacing on the bridge will be laid by the town of Northfield upon completion of the major work on the bridge.

As soon as actual construction begins the bridge will be closed to all traffic for a period of about two weeks.

Town Topics

The Misses Ruth Card and Gertrude Lauber of Elmhurst, N. Y., are at their cottage on Rustic Ridge for the summer.

Conn., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Stuart H. Manning, who occupies the cottage of Miss Allen in Mountain Park this season.

Miss Harriet Weaver of Glen Rock, N. J., is a guest at the home of Mrs. Grace C. Cornell on Winchester road for the month of August.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. McDermott of Long Island City, N. Y., have arrived at their cottage in Mountain Park to spend the month of August.

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Texans Seek Vets' Criticism Of Their State—and Get It!

MADISONVILLE, TEX. — Members of the Madisonville Sidewalk Cattlemen's association are plowing through big stacks of mail, looking for insults and finding plenty.

The sidewalk cattlemen announced a nation-wide contest. They are searching for the out-of-state veteran, trained in Texas, who has the worst opinion of the Lone Star state. They want to bring him back on a big, free trip and show him that Texas, in peace time, isn't a bad place at all.

Contest letters are piling up and the cattlemen, patriotic Texans all, are reading them with grim, set faces.

Here are samples:

"First contest I ever heard of where the winner loses," a Los Angeles veteran wrote. "Who'd want to go back to Texas?"

The wife of an Ohio veteran said: "My husband says in the next war he'll take his basic training at the battlefield and then, if ordered, move up to Texas."

"We're going to bring the winner back and let him see Texas without the burden of army camp life," the cattlemen say. "Any place looks better from a motor car window than it does from a field pack and army camps weren't located for scenic reasons."

What Is a Dairy Cow?

The term dairy breed has been accepted by stockmen and investigators as referring to the breeds of cattle that are especially well fitted for production of milk and butterfat. Such breeds represent the efforts made by breeders of many generations toward improving the milking capacity of certain classes of cows. Because of this fact the inherent tendency of registered dairy cows to produce milk is greater than that of a native or unimproved cow. This inherent capacity is transmitted to the offspring.

Freight Car Size

Freight cars vary in length from 34 to 75 feet, the average length being about 43 feet, outside over-all measurements. The capacity of 500,000 box cars owned by 25 leading railroad systems in the United States ranges from 1,167 to 5,901 cubic feet, the average being 3,359 cubic feet. The capacity of the average railway-owned freight car in service increased from 39.1 tons in 1914 to more than 50.9 tons at present.

Sulfa Used on Leprosy

Some success in the treatment of leprosy has been secured by use of sulfa drugs, according to Dr. R. C. Williams, assistant surgeon general of the United States. He stated that beneficial results had been noted in the use of the drugs over a period of five years. Leprosy cases in the United States are estimated at from 1,500 to 3,000.

Richly Ornamented

The most richly-ornamented building in the world and one of the strangest sights in India is the large Hindu temple, Konarak, in the Puri district of Orissa. The exterior is thickly covered with sculptured figures of gods and goddesses, which although seven centuries old, still are considered to be outstanding in sculpture.

Store It Outdoors

Where farm rubber-tired machines cannot be kept under cover, they should be blocked up, and the wheels removed and placed under cover. Where this cannot be done, the machine should be well covered with tar paper or canvas, the machines having been blocked up so that the tires do not touch the ground.

Bust and Bustle Era

Fashion dictators are prescribing abundant use of jewelry to complement the "bust and bustle" fashions currently in vogue. In keeping with elegance of the new gowns, jewelers are creating lavish, delicate pieces using the sister metals, palladium and platinum.

Early Ice Enterprise

An early American enterprise was the shipping of ice from New England to the tropics. The ice was packed in white pine sawdust and Americans promoted its sale by showing the natives how to make ice cream and iced drinks.

Climbing Cats in California

Towering palm trees, which range from 75 to 90 feet in height, are a challenge to the felines of Southern California. When an adventurous cat climbs to the top of one of these trees, it is usually a one-way trip. The animal begins walling for help and neighbors put in a frantic call to the SPCA. At these dizzy heights, the harmless looking palm fronds are lined with razor-sharp blades which frighten the cat and discourage him from making a try at descending. To effect a rescue, this humane organization must hire tree trimmers at a cost of from \$60 to \$100 per tree, depending on the labor involved. Cats have been marooned for several days before being rescued.

Valley of Two Rivers a Desert

Iraq, supposed site of the Garden of Eden, now looks for all the world like a desert. The land is frightfully hot, perhaps the hottest spot on earth. Rainfall is almost non-existent, a few inches during the year. By camel or car one can travel for days across the monotonous Chol (as the desert is called) without seeing more than stunted grass, shrubs and luxuriant thistles. Occasionally winter brings terrific blizzards and snowstorms. Two great old rivers, the Tigris and the Euphrates, flow through the land, but no longer do much good. The ancients provided the Valley of the Two Rivers with an elaborate system of canals and trenches but under centuries of modern Turkish misrule the irrigation system crumbled sadly and much of the valley became a dreary desert. Today's residents, who are mainly Arab Moslems, prefer the name Iraq to the country's former name, Mesopotamia, which means "between the rivers."

Balsa of Ecuador, Fast Grower

Of all Ecuador's trees, perhaps more has been written about balsa than any other. Balsa trees are easily distinguishable by their large, broad leaves, about a foot long. Among the most rapidly growing trees known, they spring up like weeds and reach lumber size in less than 10 years. The first year a seedling will elongate more quickly than a corn plant and will reach a greater height. Maximum size is about 100 feet in height and four feet in trunk diameter. Balsa has large brownish-green, succulent flowers, about eight inches in length.



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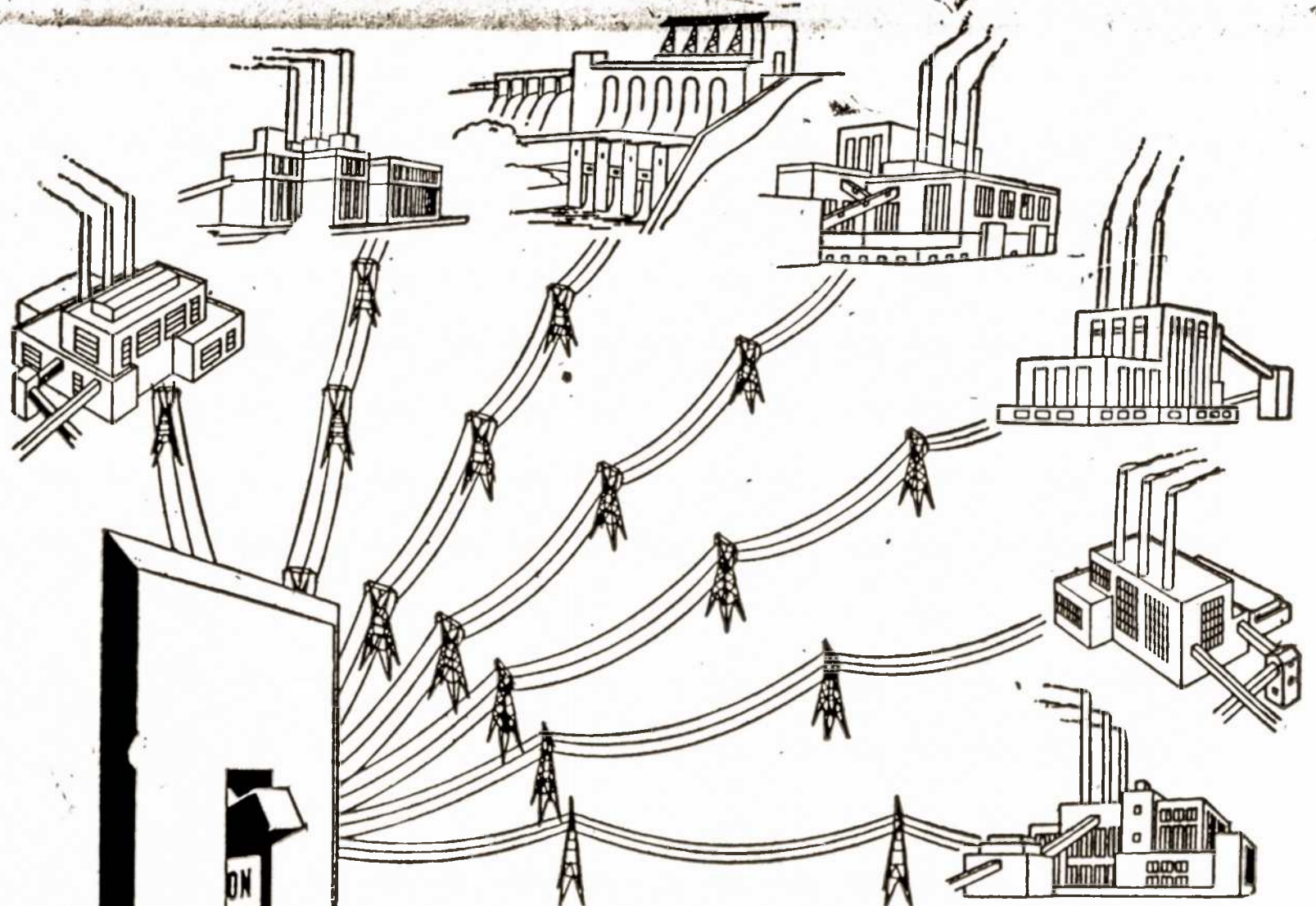
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"Peg O' My Heart" Brattleboro Aug. 10

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three act comedy of an Irish colleen in an English manor house was presented to large audiences in the town hall last March.

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Summer Theatre Actor Rejoins U. S. Marines



JAMES CRUTCHFIELD

Although seldom seen by the public this season and last, James Crutchfield has been an important member of the Keene Summer Theatre staff during these two seasons. Arriving in Keene in the spring of 1947 from his duties as professor of technical subjects in the theatre at Florida State University, Mr. Crutchfield made his presence felt by the efficiency and art which went into the settings he devised and constructed.

During the season more of his talent was discovered in his roles in "Uncle Harry" and "Papa is All". This season, in addition to stage managing several productions and lighting all of them, he has played parts in "Separate Rooms" and "Life with Father". It is with regret that the management of the Keene Summer Theatre announces that his current role will be Mr. Crutchfield's final one, as he is returning to the U. S. Marine Corps as a lieutenant. He served in the Marine Corps during

the recent war and saw considerable service in the Pacific battle area. We of the theatre salute Mr. Crutchfield for his good work with us and for his devotion to the military service and the cause which it represents.

"Apple Of His Eye" At Keene Theatre

The sixth week's production at the Keene Summer Theatre, playing Tuesday through Saturday, August 3-7, will be "Apple of his Eye", a comedy by Kenyon Nicholson and Charles Robinson. First produced on Broadway in 1946 with Walter Huston as the star, the play received very favorable comments and was considered one of the successes of the season.

The story is a rustic romance of a prosperous farmer with a young and attractive hired girl. The efforts of the prosperous agrarian to prove himself worthy of his "intended" prove almost fatal when he takes on a "pro" wrestler in a carnival ring. The girl brings him back to his senses and health, however, over the loud and varied protestations of his kinfolk, and the curtain falls with proper speed on a logical solution of the whole affair.

Ann Tyrell will appear as the young and pretty Lily Tobin and David Brubaker as Sam Stover, the middle-aged romanticist. Others in the cast will be Harriett Argonbright, Jean Robinson, Daniel Keyes, Larry Sherman, William Stark and Lawrence Vinick.

Lost But Won Election

A man who made no election campaign and who did not have the highest number of electoral votes was elected President of the United States in 1824. World Book encyclopedia says that John Quincy Adams made little effort to get votes, but received 15 less electoral votes than the leading candidate, Andrew Jackson. Adams was selected by the house of representatives because none of the candidates had a majority.

Everglade Wild Game

Wild game in the Everglades were forced to forsake their homes for high grounds as virtually incessant downpours inundated the whole vast area, reports Florida Wildlife. Coons, opossums, deer, wildcats and other animals fled before the rising flood-waters. In some sections young quail and turkeys were trapped by the water. Snakes also moved out of the flood areas.

Uncle Sam Says



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Effect of Color on Appetite

Some time ago in Chicago, a symposium dinner party was given for the express purpose of demonstrating the effect of color on the various senses, particularly upon the appetite of those present. The table was loaded with the most appetizing dishes. The guests ate with gusto, as guests usually do. Suddenly the lighting was switched. Instantly and amazingly, the steaks became a sickly gray; the celery a gaudy pink; salads an ashen violet; fresh green peas became black; milk, blood-red; eggs a distressing shade of blue and coffee a sickly yellow. Most of the guests could no longer eat. Some who did become violently ill. The experiment proved that "wrong colors" can wreck the appetite and ruin digestion.

Wages Paid By Steel Industry

Wages and salaries paid by the iron and steel industry and its principal customers accounted for 39.2 per cent of all wages and salaries paid to employees of manufacturing industries in 1946, according to a study of data compiled by the United States department of commerce. Wages and salaries paid by the industries which fabricate steel into useful products, totaled 14.1 billions during that year, compared with \$5 billion paid to the employees of all manufacturing industries.

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Recruiting Continues Despite Draft

The Army and the Air Force recruiting campaigns to enlist three-year volunteers will continue without let-up although draft legislation has been passed, M.S. Joseph Kendy said here today.

The two services will continue to rely on voluntary enlistments as the principal means of obtaining needed manpower, Sgt. Kendy explained. The Selective Service Act will be used only to make up the difference between authorized strength and number of volunteers.

"Volunteers are the backbone of our Regular Forces," Sgt. Kendy said. "They furnish the career men, and we cannot have an Army or an Air Force without career men, who come from our volunteers," he said.

Many enlistment choices still are open to three-year volunteers in either of the two Services, Sgt. Kendy pointed out. Under the Army Technical School Plan they can choose training in one of more than 60 specialties before enlisting. Service overseas in Japan and Korea is also available. Veterans have special choices, depending

upon their experience and the Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) they held in previous service.

Volunteers in the Air Force have similar enlistment inducements in which they may choose an Air Force specialist school, if qualified, before enlisting. Aviation Cadet training is open to men 20 to 26½, with two years of college or its equivalent.

Men of draft age, Sgt. Kendy said, can enlist for 21 months' active service. Eighteen-year-olds may volunteer for one year. In both cases, however, these short term volunteers will be required to join the Reserve when they complete their active service.

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